ATTENTION!

WE ARE READY FOR 40 MORE CHILDREN TO BE REGISTERED FOR THE SPECIALIZED RECRUITMENT PROJECT!

• What is the Specialized Recruitment Project?

The Specialized Recruitment Project is a cooperative effort between Children's Administration, the Northwest Adoption Exchange and seven private adoption agencies. The goal of the Project is to recruit permanent families for legally free Washington State children who have a plan of adoption. The Project is entering its 4th year and is ready to register another 40 children. Of the 124 children selected for participation in the project in the first three years, 81 children have found permanent placements and another nine are pending placement. That is a 72.5% success rate.

What does the Project do?

The Project provides focused, intensive, nationwide child specific adoption recruitment for children identified by their DCFS workers. The children registered with the Project are featured on both the Northwest Adoption Exchange (NWAE) www.nwae.org and the AdoptUSKids www.nwae.org and the AdoptUSKids www.adoptuskids.com websites. Project staff process all family inquiries, review family adoptive home studies and forward the studies on to the child's worker with comments and recommendations. Project staff are also available to video tape project children for specialized recruitment and can provide consultation in the family selection and placement process.

• What children are eligible to be registered with the Specialized Recruitment Project?

A child should be legally free with a case plan of adoption. As recruitment is nationwide, the child's worker should be open to adoptive families outside of the area. The child should be ready to be transitioned into an adoptive family. It is also important that the child's current caretakers be aware of the adoption and recruitment plan.

How do I register a child with this project?

Call Norma Nelson at the Northwest Adoption Exchange, 206-441-6822 or email at nmelson@nwresource.org We will take it from there. We will go over the registration and recruitment process with you and answer any questions.